

September 3, 2004

HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company - D.T.E. 04-47

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company to (i) the First Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy; (ii) the Second Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy; and (iii) the Second Set of Information Requests of the Attorney General, all for filing in the above-referenced proceeding. Also enclosed is a supplemental response to Information Request AG-1-66. The Company respectfully requests that, for all the reasons stated in the Motion for Confidential Treatment dated April 27, 2004 (the "Motion"), the responses to Information Requests DTE 1-7, DTE 1-9, DTE 1-15, DTE 1-22, DTE 1-23 and AG 2-4 be accorded confidential treatment in that they disclose completely sensitive pricing or transaction matters. Accordingly, the confidential responses are only provided to the Department staff consistent with the Motion and the Attorney General pursuant to the terms of a Nondisclosure Agreement dated April 28, 2004. Please note that the response to Information Request DTE 1-2 contains a bulk attachment and these materials are provided in accordance with the terms of the Procedural Ground Rules established by the Hearing Officer.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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